

National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior

Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

Thomas Edison National Historical Park

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Thomas Edison National Historical Park. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

36 CFR §1.5 - VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours, public use limits, and closures are established:

Visiting Hours:

- Laboratory Complex Public hours are Wednesdays through Sundays throughout the year.
- Glenmont Public tours will be given on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays throughout the year. Group tours will be scheduled by advanced reservation only.
- The public hours will vary seasonally and may be adjusted by the Superintendent as circumstances necessitate; changes in public hours will be posted.
- Meetings and special events may be scheduled during non-public hours with a permit issued by the Superintendent.

Public Use Limits:

- The use of Segways is prohibited in the park, except when used as a mobility aid by individuals with disabilities.
- It is prohibited to consume food or drink in public areas inside the park, except for water in covered containers or authorized by the Park Superintendent or his/her designee.
- The playing of baseball, football, Frisbee, hackisac, catch or similar recreational activities is prohibited, except if authorized by the Park Superintendent or his/her designee.

Closures:

 The historic driveways around the Glenmont Mansion and Garage are closed to vehicles, except if authorized by the Park Superintendent or his/her designee. Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Thomas Edison National Historical Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

The compendium closure against unmanned aircraft is necessary to maintain public health and safety in units of the National Park System and to protect park resources and values until the NPS can determine whether specific uses of unmanned aircraft on lands and administered by the NPS are appropriate and will not cause unacceptable impacts on park resources and values.

36 CFR §1.6 - PERMITS

Activities requiring a permit are listed throughout this document under the specific 36 CFR Section that authorizes or requires the issuance of a permit.

Permit information and applications are available on line or by contacting the Superintendent's office.

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (c)(1) The following may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption:
 - acorns, pinecones, leaves or seeds found on the ground throughout the Glenmont estate
 - grape leaves from the grape arbors adjacent to the greenhouse at Glenmont
- (c)(2) The superintendent may limit the size and quantity of natural products that may be gathered or possessed for this purpose:
- Up to 1 quart of the above items may be gathered
 The gathering of these items will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

- (d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:
 - with advanced permission from the Superintendent in accordance with the Llewellyn Park deer management program

36 CFR §2.5 – RESEARCH SPECIMENS

(a) Taking plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals is prohibited except in accordance with other regulations of Chapter I of 36 CFR or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a specimen collection permit.

36 CFR §2.5 – PICNICKING

Picnicking is allowed, except in designated areas closed in accordance with 36 CFR 1.5.

The Laboratory Complex and Glenmont Estate are closed to picnicking.

36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES

(a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

- (a)(3) Operating any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in nondeveloped areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.
- (a)(4) Operating a public address system is prohibited, except in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.

36 CFR §2.15 - Pets

- (a)(1) Possessing a pet in a public building, public transportation vehicle, or location designated as a swimming beach, or any structure or area closed to the possession of pets by the superintendent.
 - Pets are not permitted in the laboratory complex except if authorized by the Park Superintendent or his/her designee.

Pets are prohibited in this area to protect park resources and reduce risk to visitors and staff. This is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

36 CFR §2.16 - HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

- (b) The use of horses is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:
- along Honeysuckle Avenue, where such travel is necessary to cross to or from privately owned property in Llewellyn Park

36 CFR §2.21 - SMOKING

- (a) Smoking is permitted only in the following designated areas:
 - Glenmont parking lot
 - Main Street parking lots

Smoking (This includes all tobacco products, electronic smoking devices (such as electronic cigarettes), handheld vaporizers and items covered by the Controlled Substances Act, Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 (to include for medical use)) is prohibited in all other areas and buildings to protect park resources and reduce the risk of fire. This is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

Entrance Fee Areas:

Recreation entrance fees are collected at the Laboratory Complex Visitor Center and allow entrance to both the Laboratory Complex and the Glenmont Estate for seven consecutive days.

The cost is \$7.00 for adults. Children under 16 years of age are free.

A \$30.00 Annual Park Pass provides unlimited visits to both the Laboratory Complex and Glenmont Estate for the card holder and three additional people for one year from date of purchase.

The America the Beautiful – Federal Recreational Lands Passes are accepted.

Expanded Amenity Fee:

An optional self-guided audio tour of the Laboratory Complex is available for \$5.00 per person. The Interagency Senior, Golden Age, Interagency Access and Golden Access will provide a 50 percent discount.

36 CFR §2.37 - NONCOMMERCIAL SOLICITING

Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions or a permit that has been issued under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52.

Note, however that this activity can be done without a permit if it is done by 25 people or fewer pursuant to §2.52.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

- (a) Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents or explosive materials is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.
- (b) Using, or possessing fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit or in designated areas under the following conditions:

36 CFR §2.50 - SPECIAL EVENTS

(a) Sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events are allowed, provided there is a meaningful association between the park area and the events, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area, and a permit therefor has been issued by the superintendent.

36 CFR §2.51 -- DEMONSTRATIONS

- (b) Demonstrations of 25 people or less are allowed within the park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2). Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.
- (c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for demonstrations:
 - Glenmont parking area
 - Parking area at the corner of Main Street and Edisonia Terrace
- On top of Vault 12 within the Laboratory Complex. Access to the Black Maria will be maintained.

36 CFR §2.52 -- SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

(b) The sale or distribution of printed matter by 25 people or less is allowed within the park areas designated as available under §2.51(c)(2) (see above). The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit.

36 CFR §2.61 - RESIDING ON FEDERAL LANDS

(a) Residing in park areas, other than on privately owned lands, is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit lease or contract.

36 CFR §4.21 - SPEED LIMITS

- (b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:
- Honeysuckle Avenue 25 mph speed limit. This is consistent with Llewellyn Park's posted speed limit.

This speed limit is established because the speed limits set in 36 CFR § 4.21(a) was determined to be unreasonable, unsafe, and inconsistent with the purposes for which the park area was established.

36 CFR §5.1 - ADVERTISEMENTS

Commercial notices or advertisements shall not be displayed, posted, or distributed on federally owned or controlled lands within a park area unless prior written permission has been given by the Superintendent.

36 CFR §5.3 – BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Engaging in or soliciting any business in park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States, except as such may be specifically authorized under special regulations applicable to a park area, is prohibited.

36 CFR §5.4 - COMMERCIAL PASSENGER-CARRYING MOTOR VEHICLES

(a) The commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicle except as authorized under a contract or permit from the Secretary or his authorized representative is prohibited in certain parks. See §5.4(a) for more information.

36 CFR §5.5 - COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

- (a) Before any motion picture may be filmed or any television production or sound track may be made by any person other than bona fide newsreel or news television personnel, written permission must first be obtained from the Superintendent.
- (b)Taking photographs of any vehicle or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising without a written permit from the Superintendent is prohibited.

36 CFR §5.6 - COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

(b) & (c) Using commercial vehicles on government roads within park areas when such use is in no way connected with the operation of the park is generally prohibited, and requires permission or a permit from the Superintendent.

36 CFR §5.7 – CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR OTHER FACILITIES

Such activities are prohibited, except in accordance with the provisions of a valid permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States.